

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/GB2004/000250

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G01N31/22

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

WPI Data, PAJ, EPO-Internal

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category * | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages  | Relevant to claim No. |
|------------|---|-----------------------|
| Y          | WO 00/65339 A (CROSFIELD JOSEPH & SONS<br>;EARL GRAHAM JAMES (GB); MORETON STEPHEN<br>( ) 2 November 2000 (2000-11-02)<br>cited in the application<br>page 2-3<br>tables 1-11 | 1-33                  |
| Y          | WO 02/057772 A (INEOS SILICAS LTD ;MORETON<br>STEPHEN (GB)) 25 July 2002 (2002-07-25)<br>cited in the application<br>page 2-4<br>examples 1,2; tables 1-4<br>-----<br>-/--    | 1-33                  |

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

### \* Special categories of cited documents :

- \*A\* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- \*E\* earlier document but published on or after the International filing date
- \*L\* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- \*O\* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- \*P\* document published prior to the International filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- \*T\* later document published after the International filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- \*X\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- \*Y\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- \* & \* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the International search

14 May 2004

Date of mailing of the International search report

25/05/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2  
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk  
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,  
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Michalitsch, R

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Int'l Application No  
PCT/GB2004/000250

| C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT |   |                       |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| Category *   | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages  | Relevant to claim No. |
| A  | <p>DATABASE WPI<br/>Section Ch, Week 8345<br/>Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB;<br/>Class J04, Page 2, AN 1983-813626<br/>XP002142696<br/>&amp; SU 989 479 A (LENINGRAD ZHDANOV UNIV),<br/>15 January 1983 (1983-01-15)<br/>abstract</p> | 1-33                  |
| A  | <p>DE 19 52 539 A (SIEMENS AG)<br/>22 April 1971 (1971-04-22)<br/>the whole document</p>  | 1-33                  |

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Intl  
Patent Application No  
PCT/GB2004/000250

| Patent document<br>cited in search report |   | Publication<br>date | Patent family<br>member(s)  | Publication<br>date  |
|---|---|---------------------|---|--|
| WO 0065339                                | A | 02-11-2000          | AU 3981500 A<br>BR 0009872 A<br>CN 1347497 T<br>EP 1185861 A1<br>WO 0065339 A1<br>JP 2002543383 T | 10-11-2000<br>08-01-2002<br>01-05-2002<br>13-03-2002<br>02-11-2000<br>17-12-2002 |
| WO 02057772                               | A | 25-07-2002          | EP 1352236 A1<br>WO 02057772 A1<br>US 2004051081 A1   | 15-10-2003<br>25-07-2002<br>18-03-2004   |
| SU 989479                                 | A | 15-01-1983          | SU 989479 A1  | 15-01-1983   |
| DE 1952539                                | A | 22-04-1971          | DE 1952539 A1   | 22-04-1971   |